facilities, pensions, retirement planning, subsidized dwellings, part time job and national policy on aging, etc. were discussed and a decision taken to collect information regarding possible steps by concerned Ministries in various sectors so as to evolve a national policy and a programme for action. This data is being collected. The Committee is required to submit its report by Sept. 1989.

Loss to farmers due to supply of adulterated fertilizers

3091. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has seen reports (Indian Express dated the 12th February, 1988, Times of India dated the 30th March, 1988) of supply of spurious fertilisers/seeds to farmers in some States; if yes, the details thereof and the facts;

(b) the estimated losses to farmers in various States in each such case; and

(c) the action taken to punish the guilty persons, to compensate the losses incurred by the farmers, the preventive measures taken in this regard and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. No specific complaint about the supply of seeds of poor quality has been made in the News item (Indian Express 12th February, 1988). In so far as sale of spurious fertilisers in Punjab referred to in the report of Times of India dated 30.3.88 is concerned, the enforcement staff of State Agriculture Department of Punjab had detected a case of sale of spurious DAP by a Co-operative Society at Patiala. The stocks of spurious DAP were seized by the Department and the registration certificates of the dealers were cancelled. Cases were registered with the Police against the defaulting dealers, suppliers and also against the manufacturers of spurious DAP. The services of the Secretary, Cooperative Society who was involved in the spurious fertiliser sale were terminated.

(b) and (c) Whenever a report is received, action is taken under Fertiliser (Control) Order, 1985, to draw samples for analysis and in suitable cases necessary action for cancellation of licence or for prosecution is taken under Fertiliser (Control) Order, 1985/Essential Commodities Act, 1955 by the State Government.

Telecast of Ramayan on second channel

3092. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that producers of Hindi Serial Ramayan have sought permission to telecast it on second channel of Doordarshan; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Supply of white butter and Skimmed Milk Powder to Maharashtra

3093. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of white butter and Skimmed Milk Powder, asked for by Government of Maharashtra from National Dairy Development Board;